

extent the applicability of Copyright Act to the works of Rabindranath Tagore for another twenty years; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The question of extending the term of copyright under the Copyright Act, 1957 is under the consideration of Government.

Aids Control and Prevention

*176. SHRI V. SREENIVASAN PRASAD:

SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently formulated any scheme for AIDS control and its prevention;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation and USAID also propose to extend financial assistance for AIDS control in India; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In September, 1991 the Government of India prepared a comprehensive project proposal for prevention and Control of AIDS in India. The proposal is under consideration of the World Bank. The outlay of the project is estimated to be Rs. 217.5 crores for the following component:

1. building surveillance and clinical management capacity;
2. promoting public awareness and community education;
3. improving blood safety and promoting rational use of blood;
4. improving facilities for diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; and
5. strengthening programme management capacity.

It is expected that the World Bank assistance will be sanctioned in the first quarter of 1992.

(c) and (d). World Health Organisation will be providing technical support and a financial assistance of US \$ 3.5 million for foreign studies, innovative programmes and training. The USAID has also informally indicated willingness to support the programme for AIDS prevention and control.

Nomination in Educational Institutions

*177. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government nominate students in certain educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have issued any uniform guidelines to the State in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (b). In order to help the students from States and Union Territories which lack adequate technical education facilities, the Ministry of Human Resource Development earmarks some seats for such States and Union Territories in institutions located in other States/UTs having these facilities. Nomination against such seats are done directly by the State/UTs for whom the seats have been earmarked. In the broad guidelines issued, the Ministry has advised the States/Union Territories to give wide publicity to the criteria and procedures of selection and the mode of application among the qualified candidates and also to take into account the Statutory reservations. Some seats have also been kept at the disposal of the Ministry of External Affairs for making allocation amongst the students from developing countries.

[Translation]

Conversion of Pahelja-Bhavanathpur Line (Bihar)

*178. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the survey report conducted by the Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited (RITES) regarding gauge conversion of railway line between Pahelja and Bhavanathpur via Pipradih and Yadunathpur in Bihar, submitted in May, 1991; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited were engaged by the Government of Bihar for a feasibility study for a Broad-gauge line

for Dehri-on-Sone to Bhavanathpur (101.8 Km). As per the study report received in 1990, the estimated cost of the project in Rs. 196 crores. The rate of return is only 3.04% and thus, the Project has been found not remunerative. Consideration of the new BG line for only a part of the Project, namely for Dehri-on-Sone to Pipradih (89 km) in two phases, has been suggested by RITES for development of the area.

(b) Further action on the report is to be initiated by the State Government who ordered the study.

[English]

Disposal of Solid Wastes

*179. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no legislation governing disposal of solid wastes, including nuclear waste;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce legislation in this regard;

(c) whether the State Governments and interested organisations have been consulted in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof? —

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Government have notified Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Atomic Energy (Safe Disposal of Radio-active Wastes) Rules, 1987, under Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

(c) The State Government and concerned agencies were consulted while fram-